

## IN COURT TO-DAY

### Work Getting Jurors To Try Actor Hitchcock—Actor Sick of His Confinement.

New York, June 8.—After three days in a cell in the Tombs prison, Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, appeared in the criminal branch of the supreme court to-day prepared for the resumption of his trial on indictments growing out of charges preferred by several young girls. As Hitchcock has been tried before in an indictment involving the same charges and allegations in the case have been given considerable publicity it was believed that some difficulty would be experienced in getting a jury. There was only one jurymen in the box when the trial was resumed before Justice Goff to-day.

Hitchcock does not take kindly to his incarceration in the Tombs and his appearance in court to-day was proof of this.

"It's an awful place," he declared. "I don't know how I am going to stand it if this trial drags along for any length of time."

### HILL TAKES HIS LEAVE.

### Former Minister to Netherlands Goes to Berlin.

The Hague, June 8.—Dr. David Jayne Hill, the American minister to the Netherlands, left here to-day for Berlin where he is to succeed Charles Tower as ambassador to Germany. The foreign minister and a large number of state officials and diplomats were at the station to see him depart. Before taking up the duties of his new post Dr. Hill will visit a number of German towns.

Arthur M. Beaupre, formerly minister to Argentina, who is to succeed Dr. Hill as minister to the Netherlands arrived in this city yesterday.

### ON THE RACE TRACK.

### Winners at Gravesend and Montreal To-day.

At Gravesend: First race, 3/4 mile, Berry Maid wins, 9:22 and 8:55; Cressina second, place, 5:11; Julia Powell third, time 1:10. Second race, 2 miles, Simon Pure wins, 12:1 and 4:1; Waterspeed second, 3:1; Locked Out third, time 3:47.

At Montreal: First race, 5/8 mile, Tenahoe wins, 4:1 and 7:5; Manheimer second; even Lawless third; time 1:00 4-5. Second race, 1/2 mile, Sight wins, 7:5 and 1:2; Coth Caldwell second, 4:1; Royal Oak third; time 4:5 4-5.

### It Is the Canker Worm.

New Haven, June 8.—Inquiry at the Connecticut agricultural experiment station in this city brings out the statement that the worm now devastating elm trees and apple trees in this state is the canker worm, the pest that visited those trees in Connecticut ten years ago. The worm does its work very rapidly, but unlike the elm tree beetle does not have a long life and consequently the trees can put forth new foliage.

Jack London's Whereabouts. San Francisco, June 8.—Jack London, the author, who started on a seven year voyage around the world in the Snark, is somewhere between Samoa and New Guinea. Passengers on the steamer Aeon state that London arrived at Samoa May 12th and was preparing to leave the day the Aeon left for San Francisco which was 19 days ago.

Two Tons of Powder Exploded. Newcastle, Penn., June 8.—Two persons were seriously injured, a fireworks plant and two dwelling houses were wrecked and several other houses badly damaged last night when a fire of unknown origin at Contux fireworks plant here caused two tons of powder to explode.

Foundrymen in Convention. Toronto, Ont., June 8.—The annual convention of the American Foundrymen's association began here to-day. About 400 delegates and their wives have already arrived and when the convention is well under way over 2,000 are expected.

Belmont Not So Well. New York, June 8.—Oliver H. P. Belmont, who has been critically ill with appendicitis at his country home at Hempstead, L. I., was not so well to-day. He had a very hard night, his physician said to-day, and was weaker this morning.

Porto Rican Delegates. New York, June 8.—Some of Porto Rico's delegates to the national convention arrived to-day on the steamer Carolina. They were Dr. J. G. Brois, E. F. Quinones and L. Vadiello, republicans; and N. E. Shaffer, democrats.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for Connecticut: Fair and continued warm to-night and Tuesday; light and southwest winds.

An area of low pressure over Lake Superior is producing cloudy and rainy weather in the Upper Mississippi Valley and the western portion of the Lake region.

Pleasant weather prevails in other sections east of the Rocky mountains.

The temperature is high in the central and eastern sections.

The following heavy precipitation (in inches) has been reported during the past 24 hours: Oklahoma, 1.44; Marquette, Mich., 1.44.

Conditions favor for this vicinity fair weather with high temperature.

## TAFT MEN SCARED

### Notwithstanding Roosevelt's Denial He May Be Forced to Lead Again.

Washington, D. C., June 8.—Contrary to expectations, the Chicago convention gives promise of being one of the most spirited political contests that has taken place in this country since the Minneapolis convention in 1892.

The supporters of Secretary Taft are frightened. No doubt is left as to that. In the last two months the statements made public at the Taft headquarters in this city and in Columbus, O., have indicated that the contest was all over but the shouting; but that is by no means true. On the determination by the republican national committee of the contests pending will depend the result of the convention's work.

A careful and conservative count of noses has been made and it shows that the secretary of war still is short of an absolute certain nomination. As previously pointed out in these dispatches, the apprehension of the Taft supporters is that delegates supposed to be pledged for the secretary may be induced to change their votes. This apprehension is based on a certainty that the people of the country prefer Roosevelt to anybody else. The situation practically is unique in American politics. One careful observer estimates that four-fifths of Secretary Taft's supporters really are Roosevelt men. If they only can be "nailed down" Taft will be nominated; but unless they can be, he is not a possibility.

Several weeks ago, it was announced that Secretary Taft would not open headquarters in Chicago until just before the convention, because it was not deemed desirable that there should be even a seeming effort to influence the national committee in its decision of the contests pending before it. As a matter of fact, the Taft headquarters in Chicago have been open for a week. They were open days before the national committee began its consideration of contests. Leaders of the Taft movement, accompanied by lawyers hired to represent the secretary before the committee, were in Chicago several days before the committee took up the consideration of the contest.

No complaint possibly can be made of this action. It was good politics and a legitimate precautionary measure; but it certainly was not indicative of that confidence which hitherto has been manifested by the Taft leaders. It means simply that the Taft managers propose to do everything they can to prevent the delegates on whom they have counted from deserting under the pressure which is likely to be put upon them.

It will be necessary, too, for the Taft managers to win a goodly number of the contests before the committee in order to be able fairly to count a majority of the delegates to the convention for the Secretary of War.

The indications now are that the nomination will not be determined in advance of the convention's balloting. If the first ballot should show in its early stage, some surprising change to the Taft column, the probability is that there will be enough "band-wagon-climbers" in the convention to give Taft a considerable majority and thus to nominate him on the first ballot; but his friends do not like to accept such a chance as that.

Among those who have studied the situation thoroughly, the belief is general that there is a strong likelihood of Taft's nomination; but the nomination will have to be on the first ballot; and that if it is not Taft it will be Roosevelt.

### Committee Hearing Contestants.

Chicago, June 8.—The republican national committee met shortly after 10 o'clock to-day to continue the hearing in the contests for seats on the temporary roll call. They were compelled to adjourn for a short recess because a partition in their room was in a dangerous condition and needed repairing. The Taft delegates in the second Georgia district were seated by the committee, after evidence on both sides had been heard. The anti-Taft delegates did not appear in the third Georgia district and the Taft delegates were seated by default.

### His Mother Is Ill.

Chicago, June 8.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Jacksonville, Ill., says: Former Governor Yates last night cancelled all speaking engagements for this week owing to the serious illness of his mother, a widow of the civil war governor of Illinois, who lies in a comatose state. Mrs. Yates had been falling slowly for months and during the recent weeks has become unconscious and it is with the greatest difficulty that nourishment is administered. Mrs. Yates is 81 years old and her feebleness by reason of age was accentuated about a year ago when she fell and fractured her hip.

### Men Will Not Accept Cut.

Southington, June 8.—At a meeting to-day of the employees of the rolling mill department of the Aetna Nut company's plant, the men voted not to accept a proposed 10 per cent reduction in wages, offered by the company. The men, it is pointed out, acquiesced last fall in a 5 per cent reduction. They have not been working for several days. One hundred and fifty hands are affected.

### Nine Hours a Day Now.

New Haven, June 8.—The Sargent Hardware Co went on a nine hour schedule to-day, benefiting 2,500 employees who have been working on a curtailed schedule.

## MAKE A PROTEST

### Negroes of Chicago Held Mass Meetings in Every Church in the City Last Night

### G. O. P. DENOUNCED

Chicago, June 8.—Negro politicians of the republican party are circulating petitions among the members of their race, protesting against the decision of the national republican committee by which negro claimants from several southern states were denied seats in the republican national convention. Last night meetings were held in every negro church in Chicago, denunciations were made and resolutions were adopted demanding constitutional rights for negroes.

Dr. W. A. Clark of Philadelphia, president of the constitutional league, is included in the movement, also Guertley Brewer of Indiana and Gilchrist Stewart of New York. They reported last night that nearly 5,000 signatures have been procured to a petition for fair play that will be presented to the national committee.

### FLORIDA AND UTAH.

### Will Be the Names of the Two New Battalions.

Washington, June 8.—Following a conference with the president, Secretary Metcalf to-day announced that the two new battalions authorized at the last session of congress would be named Florida and Utah. The name of the monitor Florida will be changed to the name of some city in Florida. The next battalion will bear the name Wyoming.

### Bandits Attack Train.

Mexico City, June 8.—Word came last night that bandits attacked a pay train, on the way to the Los Grandes mines, near Balsas, in the state of Guerrero. Of the escort of four men three were killed and one was wounded. Four thousand dollars was stolen. Rurales are in pursuit of the highwaymen. The mine belongs to an American company.

### Schirman Held Responsible.

Bridgeport, June 8.—Edward Schirman was held responsible for the death of Ida Potter at Danbury on Saturday night by Coroner Doten in his finding filed here to-day. Such evidence as was obtainable was turned over to State's Attorney Judson, who will take steps to have Schirman arrested.

### Start on Return Trip.

San Francisco, June 8.—The battalions Maine and Alabama, comprising the special service squadron, under command of Captain Harber, started at 7 o'clock this morning on their return trip to the Atlantic, by way of Honolulu, Manila and Suez. Secretary of the Interior Garfield was the guest of Captain Harber. He is on his way to Honolulu.

## FIRE IN DRUG STORE

### Pratt & Grannis' Stock Totally Destroyed—Loss is \$8,000, Partially Insured.

Litchfield, June 8.—The drug store of Pratt & Grannis on North street, just north of the county jail, was visited by a bad fire at half past nine this morning, and before it was under control the place was thoroughly cleaned out. What was not burned was damaged and spoiled by smoke and water. The loss will be about \$8,000, partially covered by insurance. The fire was started by the explosion of a gas stove which was in the rear of the store. Postmaster Pratt, the senior member of the firm, said this morning that several hundred dollars had just been expended in fitting up and redecorating the store in preparation for the summer trade, which is always very large, as the place is headquarters for the business of Litchfield's summer colony. The place will be put in shape at once as soon as the insurance can be adjusted. Fred Grannis, the junior member of the firm, also conducts an automobile garage which is patronized by Waterbury people. This is the second fire Postmaster Pratt has had in about a year. The last one being in his buildings on West street.

## WANT MORE TROOPS

### Officers in Command of Soldiers in Tobacco Regions Ask for Assistance.

Ripley, O., June 8.—Major Charles Becht and Colonel Hake of the First regiment, who are in charge of the troops in the tobacco region, held a conference yesterday and decided to ask for more troops, the two officers agreeing that the situation is serious. They declare that more soldiers are needed to control the night rider situation.

Major Becht will meet Sheriff Cahill to-day and the two will make an effort to have the governor send more troops to Brown county.

The soldiers have been given orders to shoot to kill any person caught destroying tobacco beds if he refuses to surrender when ordered to do so.

### School of Mines.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 8.—With appropriate ceremonies Chancellor Samuel B. McCormick drove the first pick to-day for the excavations for the school of mines, the first building to be erected in the new university of Pittsburg group, formerly the university of Western Pennsylvania. The university site is opposite the Carnegie Institute and Carnegie Technical schools. The school of mines building will cost \$175,000.

### Will Be Sent to Asylum.

Dedham, Mass., June 8.—An order for the removal to the Taunton insane hospital of Anthony Santos, who on Saturday declared that he had murdered three children, was issued to-day by the Dedham authorities. Santos, who is 14 years old and who had been taken in hand by the Norwood police in connection with the theft of a bicycle on Saturday, told Chief of Police Fred S. Sackett of Norwood that he had murdered two boy companions in Brooklyn last March and later that he killed Louis Staula, the child whose mysterious death has puzzled the Dedham police for the past few weeks. To-day Santos was examined by several doctors at the request of the authorities and after the physicians had declared the lad partly insane and suffering from delusion he was ordered submitted to Taunton.

### Bond Issue Ratified.

New York, June 8.—The board of directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Co to-day ratified the issue of \$50,000,000 first lien and refunding mortgage 4 per cent bonds.

## CITY NEWS.

The criminal side of the superior court, June term, comes in next Tuesday.

The district court, criminal side, finished up its business in short order this forenoon. John Corcoran for interfering with R. N. Blakeslee, his conservator, and Superintendent of Police Beach was fined \$5 and costs on two complaints. Daniel Killoughy was committed to jail for 90 days on the charge of common drunkard and will also have to work out costs of about \$25. Daniel Corr insisted on having a trial. He was charged with being intoxicated and common drunkard and was found guilty, and was fined \$10 without costs.

There was to have been a hearing in the probate court to-day on the will of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Brownlee, who lived on Walnut street, but as all concerned did not appear the matter was continued. Mrs. Brownlee left all of her property to her niece, Isabella Harrington Mitchell of New York city. She left no children. By a previous union her husband, who died over a year ago, left a number of children. Mrs. James Budd, who lives in Waterbury, Mrs. Ellis, of Sacramento, Cal., Thomas and John Brownlee. The estate amounts to about \$12,000.

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## WILL MAKE RUN

### Pacific Fleet to Take in Tow the Torpedo Flotilla and Head for Magdalena Bay

### MAY GO TO PHILIPPINES

San Francisco, June 8.—The Examiner says: A most unique but significant movement will be made within the next 30 days by the Pacific fleet under command of Rear Admiral Dayton and the torpedo flotilla. The Dayton squadron is ordered to assemble in San Francisco harbor as a unit during the next 15 days. The torpedo flotilla is ordered to report as a unit in the same harbor June 10. At a date to be set by Admiral Dayton, under orders from the navy department the cruiser squadron will take in tow the torpedo boats, sixteen in number, and will, at the fastest speed possible, considering the safety of the smaller boats, proceed to Magdalena bay, returning in the same way.

### HENDERSON'S LETTER.

### Considerable Criticism Heard After a Reading of It.

John Henderson's communication, published in all the papers, is the most remarkable document of the kind ever put before the public by a local man. It is true that some of the ministers have been beating around the bush the past few years, but it remained for Mr. Henderson to come out flatfooted and proclaim that in his judgment the way of the Congregationalist is not the surest road to reach the end which all Christians have in mind. The letter was made the subject of much comment yesterday and to-day, and while some showed a disposition to treat it lightly others regarded it the honest outpouring of a man who had become convinced that he has been traveling in the wrong direction and made up his mind not to move a foot farther until he knows where he is at.

The sharpest criticism heard on Mr. Henderson's position was that while he went a long way towards showing the weak points of the church with which he has been so long associated, he left the subject without pointing out the remedy. Whether this was because he felt that the men in charge of the Third Congregational church would not make a move in the right direction if they knew how, or because he preferred to let them keep right on until they reach the end of their tether and tumble into the abyss, it would be hard to tell with the light at hand, but in any case it is no libel to say that Mr. Henderson gave the church and those who are prominent in it a hard blow.

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## JUST IN TIME

### Police Discovered a Plot Under Way to Kill Members of the Royal Family.

Lisbon, June 8.—The police have discovered and frustrated a big plot hatched by the Society of the Black Cross to blow up with bombs the members of the royal family at a religious feast which is to be held on June 18. Among the ringleaders arrested are Jose Avila, Adao Duarte and Constantine Mendes, three notorious anarchists. The bombs that had been manufactured by the society were confiscated and correspondence seized show that the society to which Manuel Bulssa, one of the principals in the assassination of King Carlos and Crown Prince Luiz last February belonged, had close relations with anarchists in Barcelona and Madrid.

### CHILD RUN OVER.

### Report at Press Hour That the Little One Was Dead.

A small child was run over this afternoon on South Elm street by a brewery wagon.

The child was picked up and taken to the home of Dr. J. F. Hayes.

Although the doctor was not home at the time the parties answering the telephone call from the Democrat office said the child was dead.

### PARTHIDGES NESTING

### Game and Fish Commission Hears Five Reports About Birds.

The state game and fish commission through game wardens, liberated in March and April several batches of Hungarian partridges in different parts of the state. It hopes that the owners of the property which was selected and that all sportsmen will not shoot any of the birds.

It is said that the birds, which are quite tame when first liberated, soon become shy and resume the habits of the wild state. Several reports have come in that the partridges have nested and are doing well. A good nest was found in the Putnam park near Danbury. The number liberated was about 800. The commission has fine partridges and pheasants in the hatchery at Windsor Locks and the birds are "cocky."

In July and August the commission will liberate "Bob White" quails.

### Will Sell Factory.

Brattleboro, Vt., June 8.—In connection with a proposition to sell the eleven factories operated by the Hardware and Wooden Ware Co of New York, the New York concern which was placed in the hands of a receiver several months ago, the stockholders of the S. A. Smith factory of this place, one of the company's plants, have voted to sell the factory for \$55,000, an offer of that amount having been made. A hearing on the petition of the receiver for permission to sell the eleven factories, which are located throughout New England, New York state and the west, will be held here to-morrow before U. S. District Judge James L. Martin.

### Victim of Joke Is Dead.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 8.—A victim of practical jokes, Morris Caseberg, 22 years old, died to-day at a hospital. He had been employed at the Duquesne steel works and on May 30 it is alleged fellow workmen inflated his body by compressed air, causing peritonitis. An investigation is being made.

### Machine Shops Burned.

Victoria, B. C., June 8.—The three machine shops of the Victoria Machinery Depot company were burned Saturday night. Loss, \$180,000, insurance, \$50,000.

## WORK OF TORNADO

### Electric Light Station and City Pumping Station Destroyed at Mt Vernon, Ia.

Mount Vernon, Ia., June 8.—A tornado passed about a mile south of Mount Vernon yesterday afternoon. The electric light and power house and city pumping station were completely demolished. A number of barns were destroyed and several houses were partially wrecked but no one was injured.

Lisbon, Iowa, also suffered heavily from a tornado yesterday. Houses were damaged, trees uprooted, and farm property ruined. The electric light plant which was also the water plant was levelled to the ground. The path of the storm was about 30 feet wide.

### GOLF-BALL GROUNDS.

### Holmes Brothers Allow Everybody to Use Field.

Baseball players, who during the past few seasons, have had much difficulty finding diamonds are saying nothing but good words for Walter W. and Charles L. Holmes who have thrown open the old golf grounds for games until further notice. Although the boys have been playing in the meadows they received no permission until last week when the owners said that for the present they have no objection to the playing of games on the grounds. There are three or four excellent diamonds there and room for a couple of more. It is a fine place for games and the ground is certainly in good shape. Any afternoon during the week a person may see 160 or more boys and young men playing the national game at the west end and there will be much regret whenever the owners decide to shut down on the sport.

### Derailed by Broken Lug.

Belvidere, N. Y., June 8.—Train No 5 on the Erie road was derailed here early to-day. The cause of the smash up was a broken lug at the switch allowing a rail to slip out of place and throw the three rear coaches from the track. No loss of life or limb, but a big shaking up of the passengers was the result. The dining car and two Pullman cars with about 30 passengers occupying berths left the track, the broken trucks tearing up the rails and ties and plowing into the embankment and piling over on the side.

### Left for Panama.

San Francisco, June 8.—The naval transport Buffalo has left for Panama with 700 men of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets whose time has expired or is about to expire. These men will be taken to Panama and sent across the isthmus to Colon where another naval transport will convey them to the Atlantic coast. The Buffalo will bring back to San Francisco 800 recruits from the eastern states who are being brought to Colon on the transport to which the Buffalo will transfer her men.

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